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letter of 16 October 1973 from the
Director of Central Intelligence to the
Archivist of the United States.

1. It is reported that since the Italian Government appears to be in no hurry to carry out the Paris Agreement of 5 September, the leaders of the South Tirolean Volkspartei have drawn up a five-point program which they wish put into effect immediately. The program provides for the following:
 - (a) The cession to the Province of Bolzano of the so-called "Unterland";
 - (b) The creation of a nine member Advisory Committee which will comprise four members of the SVP, one representative of the South Tirolean Social Democratic Party, one Ladin representative and one representative from each of the three Italian political parties and will have the following duties:
 - (1) advising on all administrative matters in the South Tirol;
 - (2) elaborating proposals for the transfer to the promised autonomy;
 - (3) preparing for the first election.
2. This draft program is said to have been submitted about a week ago to the three Italian political parties in the South Tirol and to the South Tirolean Social Democrats for their comment.
3. According to reports only the local Italian Christian Democrats have acknowledged receipt of the program. In a letter dated 31 October 1946 they replied that they welcomed the initiative taken by the SVP and were giving the draft program their very careful attention but it would have to be referred to the Party's Central directorate in Rome before they could comment on it.
4. The former Italian Prefect of Bolzano, Dr. Innocenti who was also given a copy of the draft program told Erich Ammon of the SVP that

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he was not opposed to it in principle. However, he criticized the inclusion of a Socialist on the Advisory Committee, stating that in his opinion the strength of the Socialists in the South Tirol was not great enough to justify their having a representative. He is said to have suggested instead that some other local group such as the demobilized members of the armed forces be included on the Committee.

5. The South Tirolean Social Democrat Party is reported to be asking for two representatives.
6. The draft program has allegedly been criticized as not going far enough by Church circles in Bressanone. The SVP leaders in Bolzano are accused of setting forth only their minimum demands thus leaving no room for negotiations.

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